

ORCTV

OLD ROCHESTER COMMUNITY TELEVISION

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Comcast Channel 9 Public, Channel 18 Education, Channel 95 Government

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Who is ORCTV?

ORCTV is the tri-town's community access television station. We are a nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide training, equipment and channel space to tri town residents for programming. We operate the PEG channels in all three towns. P stands for public, E stands for education and G stands for government (Mattapoisett runs its own government channel). The government channels are for town meetings and committee/board meetings. The education channel is run by teachers at ORR High School. ORCTV provides a grant to pay these teachers to program the channel and reach out to all schools in the tri towns to guide them with programming. The public channel houses all other types of programming that residents produce.



Tools to making a video: Equipment available at ORCTV



ORCTV is here for residents of the tri-towns to make videos. ORCTV provides training classes and equipment to fulfill this mission. We have several professional camcorders that can be signed out for field shoots. The cameras are very user friendly and can be used at a basic level or an advanced level. Continued on page 5

Classes & Membership at ORCTV



Residents can take classes in orientation, camcorders, editing and studio production. We have a regular schedule or you can call to setup times outside that schedule. ORCTV will give you as much help as you need to get your production off the ground. We will help you learn how to shoot in the field as well as in the studio. We will help you with camera angles, directing, audio and lighting. We will help you find certified crew as well as help develop your ideas for a show. Continued on page 5

Playback & Comcast/Verizon update.

Comcast is working to hook up our new facility to the INET system. The INET is a connection loop that takes the video signal from various places around town such as town hall and the high school to Comcast's head end in New Bedford. From New Bedford the signal gets routed back out to people's homes. Comcast is working to get our new facility connected to the INET loop so we can start "cablecasting" all the tri-town channels from our facility. ORCTV has installed a new playback system and bulletin board that can handle all the channels in all the towns. Comcast has given us a time frame that the work will be completed by the mid July. Verizon is also doing necessary work on their end to be ready to launch the community access channels on their system as soon as Comcast is done with their work. Verizon has to take a feed from the finished Comcast set up. Part of all this work includes the set up of the educational channel in all three towns and the set up of Rochester's third channel which will be their government channel. ORCTV will be giving updates to the local press as well as posting updates on our web site www.orctv.org. ORCTV is looking forward to having all community channels operational on the Comcast and Verizon systems.

The Studio & Control room are done!



ORCTV's new studio and control room at the Captain Hadley House are complete. Residents can now use the studio to conduct controlled productions such as interviews, game shows and more. The studio has three cameras that are controlled by a switcher. We also have a Compix graphics set up and six audio connections into the studio. The studio has florescent studio lighting and two choices of back drop curtains. Residents who wish to use the studio must become members of ORCTV and take the necessary classes to learn to use the equipment properly. Members who are interested in developing regular shows are encouraged to find crew people to help them with the production. Staff is here to train and provide necessary support. Classes are now forming in studio production. Classes can be arranged outside of the regular schedule to accommodate scheduling issues or groups. ORCTV is excited to have the studio ready for residents and productions!



Volunteers NEEDED

Are you looking for ways to get involved in the community? There are MANY community events in the tri towns that are looking for someone to videotape them. Organizations and committees need help getting the word out about their group and mission. Every month there is an event that would love to have someone videotape it and put on the community channels. Become a member of ORCTV and get trained in video production. This is a great way to serve and get involved in your community. ORCTV will have events needing coverage listed on our web site or please feel free to call and find out more about this great need.

Some of the events this summer that need coverage:

4th of July Events

Music Fest

Concerts on the Common

Arts in the Park

Mattapoissett Harbor Days

Rochester Country Fair

Marion Block Party

Meet the ORCTV Staff



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Copies of programs

Did you know that you can purchase a DVD copy of any program you see on ORCTV?
A DVD copy or "dub" is \$10.50.





Programming News by Robert Chiarito

The programming at Old Rochester Community Television is a mixture of programs that are created locally, regionally and nationally by people like you, our members. With our studio nearing completion it is our goal to air as many locally produced programs as possible. Channel 9 belongs to you and it is our hope that you are able to use it to bring your vision to the viewers of the Tri-Town region of Marion, Mattapoisett and Rochester.

At present the majority of our locally produced programs come from the students of the Old Rochester School District. There are currently five blocks of time dedicated to student made and school district oriented media. On Tuesday and Thursday of each week we run a two hour block of programs from 10:00 AM until noon and another four hour block of ORR programs from 4:00 PM until 8:00 PM. On Saturday afternoons there is another four hour block of school district based shows. This material covers a multitude of subject matter from classroom projects, and school plays to sporting events and lectures among others. Old Rochester school district programs will soon have a home of their own soon on our upcoming Educational Channel 18. Programming on Channel 18 will be on line sometime in early summer 2008 and will be a place where we will air programming generated by our local schools.

Each town in the Tri-Town region will soon have their own government channel. Currently Rochester is without a channel of their own and their Selectmen and Planning Board meetings can be seen on Channel 9. Once Rochester's channel is on line each town will have the opportunity to view their town's meetings on a weekly basis.

Our public access channel has been operating from 14 to 20 hours per day for more than a year. Our week day line-up consists of a combination of local interest programming, educational programming, regional programming and classic films taken from the public domain. On weekends we air classic cartoons every Saturday morning while maintaining an entertaining mix of local and national programming throughout the afternoon and evening hours. On Sunday mornings we run a combination of locally produced church services, other spiritual programming and a variety of political shows. Sunday afternoons and evening are presently filled with Rochester government meetings.

Many of you may wonder why we run old movies on a daily basis. Well, the answer is simple. We know that there are many people who receive basic cable in our area and we run older films for the entertainment of an audience who may not be subscribed to outlets such as HBO. The nightly programming consists of shows that are produced locally, regionally and nationally. These are shows that are produced exclusively for public access stations or in some cases for public access or PBS stations. We try to vary the type of shows that we broadcast so that they will appeal to audiences of all ages and backgrounds. Access programming ranges in topics from politics, to home help tips to entertainment and popular culture. Public Access Television is the airwaves of the people and we are more than happy to broadcast programs produced by our members.

Among the programs that we have aired over the last year are a series of shows produced by local residents Courtney Fathom Sells, Don Cuddy and Tom Bliss. Mr. Sells is a documentary filmmaker who has produced a number of outstanding films that have been recognized both locally and nationally for their excellence. Mr. Cuddy is a local journalist who has been a regular contributor of interview and lecture programs that recount the history of the region. Mr. Bliss' programs are musical performance based shows featuring recordings of our local schools' bands and orchestras designed to spark the interests and imaginations of aspiring musicians.

Over the coming months it is our hope that we will be able to grow our membership and that people in the Tri-Town area will take full advantage of the opportunities afforded to them through ORCTV, your local access stations. We look forward to helping you learn the skills necessary to shoot, edit and produce the programs that will fill our schedule and be broadcast each week in the Old Rochester region.



Summer 2008 Class Schedule (July & August)

Class space is limited. **You must register for all classes.** Classes begin at 5:00pm.

Classes to be held at ORCTV studio 345 Front St Marion

Classes can be arranged outside of this schedule by calling 508-748-1600

This schedule is subject to change.

Orientation: 1st & 3rd Tuesdays

Camcorder: 2nd & 4th Tuesdays

Editing: 1st & 3rd Wednesdays & Thursdays (2 part class)

Studio: 2nd & 4th Wednesdays & Thursdays (2 part class)

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People of all ages can learn these cameras. ORCTV staff is here to help people learn the equipment no matter how much experience you may have. Anyone can learn to do it. The same goes with our editing set up. We have editing software iMovie that is a basic editing program. Many home computers now come with editing software such as iMovie. It is very simple to learn and use. We also offer professional editing software Final Cut Pro. This is advanced editing that is being used in today's professional world to edit commercials and movies.



No matter what level you are at or what experience you may have, ORCTV has equipment and training that can help you produce videos. We have trained high school age kids to seniors. We have worked with people who have never used a computer to people who have made videos already. ORCTV is here to help you along your journey of producing. All use of equipment is free to ORCTV members.

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Anyone using ORCTV equipment must be a trained member. All equipment must be used for programming to be played on the channels. Membership at ORCTV is open to all residents, organizations and businesses in Marion, Mattapoisett and Rochester. Membership for individuals, families and organizations is \$1.00 (yup \$1.00). Membership for businesses is \$75.00. Businesses can also utilize sponsorship opportunities at ORCTV to get their company name in front of thousands of tri town residents. All classes are free to ORCTV members.



Your Community Channels

Check us out and learn how you can get involved!
Take classes and learn to videotape your own events for
airing on your local channels.

Call now to sign up for classes or to learn more

508-748-1600

Or visit

www.orctv.org